

Food+ Compostables

FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED IN GARBAGE OR RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Put these items in your food and yard waste cart

Food Scraps



Fruits



Vegetables



Coffee grounds & filters



Tea bags



Shells & bones



Pasta & rice



Eggshells, nutshells



Bread & grains



Meat, fish & dairy

Food-Soiled Paper



Paper bags, towels & napkins



Greasy pizza boxes



Uncoated food-soiled paper



Shredded paper
(mix with yard waste)



Compostable Bags

Plant & Yard Waste



Flowers & houseplants



Leaves, branches & grass clippings

**No Plastic. No Plastic Bags.
No Metal. No Glass.
No Animal Waste.**

Why Collect Food Waste?

Reduce waste: One-third of Seattle's residential garbage is food waste. Instead of sending it to the landfill, turn it into compost for improving soil at local parks and gardens.

The environment: In the landfill, food waste makes methane—a greenhouse gas 22 times stronger than CO₂. Put food waste in the cart and help protect the climate.

The cost: Avoid costly repairs and plugged drains. Put food scraps in your food waste cart instead of your garbage disposal. This conserves water and energy, too!

It's the Law: By City law, food waste is not allowed in the garbage. A food and yard waste cart must be available for residents to use.

**Question about
what can go in the cart?**

Call the Garden Hotline

(206) 633-0224

or visit

www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste



Kitchen Tips on Other Side ▶



Storage Tips

Why Waste a Good Thing?

All residential properties in Seattle have food and yard waste service. Food and yard carts are emptied weekly. Here are tips to make your kitchen food scrap collection easy:

Bag it

Use a plain brown paper bag or approved compostable bag to store food scraps. Toss the full bag into your food and yard waste cart. Visit www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste to find a list of approved compostable bags. Also available at many local stores.



Store it

Use a container with a tight-fitting lid to store food scraps. Empty contents into food and yard waste cart, then rinse and reuse container.

Use the news

Wrap food scraps in newspaper and drop it all in the cart.



Chill it

Bag or wrap food scraps. Then put them in the refrigerator or freezer until you take them to the cart.

Cover it

In the cart, cover food scraps with food-soiled paper, shredded paper, a sheet of newspaper, or yard waste to reduce odors and pests.

Plastic bags are NOT ALLOWED in the cart—they ruin the compost.



Approved compostable bag liner made out of vegetables.

For interpretation services please call 206-684-3000.

如需要口譯服務, 請撥電話號碼 206-684-3000.

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